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SUBJECT: CUBAN EMBASSY IN BUJUMBURA

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1. DURING THE COURSE OF AN OFFICE CALL ON AF DEPUTY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY WALKER, BURUNDIAN AMBASSADOR
NZEYIMANA NOTED THAT THE OPENING OF THE CUBAN EMBASSY
POSES A PROTOCOL PROBLEM OF RECIPROCITY FOR HIS
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GOVERNMENT. CURRENTLY, THE BURUNDIAN PERMREP IN NEW YORK
IS ACCREDITED TO HAVANA, BUT BURUNDI WILL NOW FEEL
OBLIGATED TO ASSIGN A RESIDENT AMBASSADOR THERE. HE
IMPLIED THAT BURUNDI DID NOT WANT TO DO THIS. THE
AMBASSADOR STATED THAT THE INITIATIVE FOR THE EMBASSY DID
NOT COME FROM BURUNDI. HE ADDED THAT TIES BETWEEN THE TWO
COUNTRIES, SUCH AS A CULTURAL AGREEMENT, DATE FROM

MANY YEARS BACK. THUS, TO REFUSE PERMISSION TO A COUNTRY WITH WHOM BURUNDI ALREADY HAS FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN PROPER. THE AMBASSADOR STRESSED THAT THE DEVELOPMENT DOES NOT REFLECT A CHANGE IN THE ORIENTATION OF HIS GOVERNMENT.

2. WALKER NOTED THAT BURUNDI'S NEIGHBORS ARE DISMAYED BY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CUBAN EMBASSY AND WONDER WHAT IT MIGHT PORTEND FOR THEIR RELATIONS. HE ENCOURAGED THE

AMBASSADOR TO URGE HIS GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE THAT APPROPRIATE ASSURANCES ARE COMMUNICATED TO NEIGHBORING GOVERNMENTS. VANCE

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